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SUBJ: VISIT OF EXIM OFFICIALS: PRIMARY SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS

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1. OUR BEST READING IS THAT, IN ADDITION TO PROJECT
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DISCUSSIONS, INDONESIAN OFFICIAL LOOK FORWARD TO

EXPLORING WITH YOUNG SEVERAL SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL TOPICS. PLANNING AND FINANCIAL OFFICIAL WILL OF COURSE BE MOST INTERESTED IN LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN EXIM AUTHORITY AND POLICIES BEARING ON POSSIBLE SCOPE FOR AND TERMS OF EXIM LENDING TO INDONESIA. THOSE CONCERNED WITH CONTROLLING THE EXTENT OF INDONESIA'S FOREIGN LIABILITIES MAY WISH TO LEARN EXIM PROCEDURES, PARTICULARLY FOR APPLICATIONS FROM PRIVATE PROJECTS IN INDONESIA OR FROM PRIVATE PARTIES FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING STATE ENTERPRISES. OF COURSE THEY WILL ALSO EXPECT TO BE QUESTIONED ON THE TERMS OF GUARANTEE GOI WILL PROVIDE IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO EXIM. PARTICULARLY IF CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR RACHMAT SALEH IS AVAILABLE DURING YOUR VISIT QUESTION OF EXIM POSITION ON CFF IN ASSOCIATION WITH INDONESIAN STATE BANKS OR OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS MAY ALSO ARISE. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. I HAD ENVISAGED YOUR CALL ON PERTAMINA PRESIDENT-DIRECTOR GENERAL IBNU SUTOWO AS A COURTESY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO KNOW BETTER ONE OF INDONESIA'S PRIMARY MOVING FORCES. CONCURRENT DEVELOPMENTS NOW MAKE IT LIKELY THAT GENERAL IBNU HAS HIS OWN REASONS TO WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE WITH YOU AT LEAST THREE PROJECTS ON HIS MIND (EG REF B). FOR ONE, PERTAMINA NOW PLANNING EXTENSIONS OF SCOPE OF CILACAP OIL REFINERY PROJECT FINANCED LARGELY BY EXIM. GENERAL IBNU ALSO DISCONTENT WITH PROGRESS ON \$150 MILLION

CIREBON FERTILIZER PROJECT AND MAY WISH EXPLORE ALTER-

NATIVE FINANCING POSSIBILITIES. THIRDLY FINANCING FOR \$250 MILLION AROMATICS PLANT AT PLAJU, SUMATRA FOR WHICH COMMONWEALTH REFINING CORPORATION OF PUERTO RICO IS PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WE UNDERSTAND IBNU WOULD LIKE TO RAISE IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH YOU. ADDITIONALLY INDONESIA'S DECISION-MAKING ON ITS LNG PROJECT IN ACEH, NORTHERN SUMATRA IS APPROACHING CONCLUSIVE STAGES AND IBNU MAY WELL WANT REASSURANCES OF EXIM WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE LNG PROJECT FINANCING AND LIKELY TERMS AND CONDITIONS. GENERAL IBNU ALSO HAS ON HIS MIND PENDING PERTAMINA DECISION TO PROCEED WITH DOW CHEMICAL ON PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX BASED ON ACEH GAS. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. FROM USG VANTAGE POINT, WE WOULD HOPE TO PROVIDE AS EXTENSIVELY AS YOU MIGHT DESIRE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BE BRIEFED BY IMF, IBRD AND OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLES CONCERNING CURRENT AND FUTURE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, DEBT BURDEN AND OTHER DIMENSIONS OF INDONESIA'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. WE HOPE THAT SUNDAY AFTERNOON MISSCQN BRIEFING AND WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON WITH IMF/IBRD SUGGESTED REF A WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY. AS YOU MAY ALSO KNOW, THE IMF,IBRD WILL LAUNCH A UNIQUE JOINT MISSION TO INDONESIA IN OCTOBER AIMED AT A THOROUGH APPRAISAL OF INDONESIA'S ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND FINANCING NEEDS FOR NEAR AND INTERMEDIATE TERM, WHICH WILL BY YEAR-END GIVE US ALL A MUCH FULLER APPRECIATION OF FUTURE OUTLOOK. FINALLY, I WILL HOPE TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY WITH YOU A PENDING CASE FOR SETTLEMENT OF A US PROPERTY CLAIM, BY P T BAUD(SEA OIL AND GENERAL CORP) WHICH NOW BEING RAISED BY PRIVATE PARTIES WITH CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER SENIOR WASHINGTON LUMINARIES.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE IF THERE ARE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS FOR WHICH WE SHOULD ALLOW IN PROGRAMMING YOUR VISIT. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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